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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEAN, TH
SUBJ: ASEAN DEVELOPMENTS

REF: A) MANILA 8722 B) MANILA 8442

1. THEP THEWAKUN, RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRGEN OF ASEAN DEPT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, SPOKE WITH EMBOFF JUNE 9 CONCERNING VARIOUS ASEAN-RELATED MATTERS. REVEIWIN THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS HE IS BEING REQUIRED TO ATTEND MORE OR LESS CONSTATNTLY, OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THE COUNTRY, RELATING TO ASEAN, HE SAID THERE IS SOME CONCERN THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS DEVELOPING MORE QUICKLY THAN IS REALISTIC AT THIS STAGE. (HIS ASSISTANT CHIMED IN AND SAID, "LIKE LIMBS OF A TREE WITHOUT THE TRUNK.") THEP SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO SEE IT DEVELOP MORE SLOWLY AND SURELY. THIS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN ON HIS MIND AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT MEETING ON RESTRUCTURING ASEAN (REF A), IN WHICH HE
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SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS FROM THE ASEAN STATES TRIED TO RELATE MORE REALISTICALLY THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION TO ITS ACTIVITIES.

2. ALTHOUGH THEP WASHOPEFUL THAT ASEAN'S GROWTH WOULD SLOW DOWN, HE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WOULD. HE DID, HOWEVER, PREDICT RATHER SLOW GROWTH OF THE ASEAN

SECRETARIAT IN JAKARTA. HE SAID A SUBJECT OF CONCERN AT PRESENT IS THAT THE SEC GEN WANTS TO PLAY A MORE AGGRESSIVE ROLE THAN THE STAFF MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION TASK WHICH THE ASEAN PARTNERS HAVE IN MIND.

3. CONCERNING US/ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS (REF B), SOURCE SAID HE FORESEES NO POSSIBILITY THAT THESE CAN TAKE PLACE BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

4. THEP DEPARTS AGAIN NEXT WEEK TO ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN TO MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING IN JAKARTA. HE SAID REASON FOR MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE ASEAN-EEC LINK.

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